

HOUSE BILL 2665  
By Brooks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55 and Title 67, relative to pilot projects for public transit assistance to certain persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-3-617(b), is amended by inserting the following language as a new subdivision (2) and by designating subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

(2) An amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year to be paid in accordance with Section 2 of this act.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 3, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) There is hereby established a general fund reserve to be appropriated by the general appropriations act which shall be known as the public transit assistance for welfare reform pilot project fund. Moneys from the fund may be expended to fund activities authorized by this section. Any revenues deposited in this reserve pursuant to Section 67-3-617(b) or other sources shall remain in the reserve until expended for purposes consistent with this section, and shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30. Any excess revenues on interest earned by such revenues shall not revert on any June 30, but shall remain available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal years. Any appropriation from such reserve shall not revert to the

general fund on any June 30, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

(b) By October 1, 1996, the commissioner of transportation shall enter into agreements with the public transit authorities of each county with a population of not less than two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, to implement a pilot project to aid recipients of assistance under Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 1, and other persons in low income areas or areas underserved by transportation services, in obtaining transportation to employment, or education and training activities. Such transportation assistance shall include, but is not limited to, assistance for such employment or activities under any welfare reform program that takes effect during the life of this pilot project. The pilot project shall fund only activities of the participating public transit authorities that provide such assistance.

(c) This pilot project shall terminate on September 30, 2001.

(d) Funds shall be allocated from those appropriated out of the reserve established by subsection (a) among the participating counties on the basis of population as determined by the 1990 federal census.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.

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